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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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ANALYSING POLYNUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCES  
(Rule 1.53(b) Divisional of Serial No. 08/925,676,  
Filed September 9, 1997)

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Kindly amend the application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Page 1, lines 1 and 2 (after the title), please rewrite the sentence as follows: -- This is a  
divisional application of S.N. 08/925,676 filed September 9, 1997, which is a divisional of  
application S.N. 08/230,012 filed April 19, 1994, now U.S. Patent No. 5,700,637, which is a  
continuation of abandoned application S.N. 08/695,682 filed May 3, 1991, which is a  
continuation-in-part of abandoned application S.N. 07/573,317 filed September 28, 1990, which  
is a 371 of international application PCT/GB89/00460 filed May 2, 1989. --

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel claims 2-16 without prejudice.